(b) if so, the number of branches of different commercial banks proposed to be opened in Orissa by the end of 1990;

(c) what are the names of places in Orissa where those new branches are proposed to be opened; and

(d) what are the details. In this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) The current Branch Licensing Policy covers the period from 1st April, 1985 to 31st March, 1990 which is co-terminus with the Seventh Five Year Plan. On the basis of list of identified centres received from the State Government, the Reserve Bank of India allotted a total number of 3 66 rural and semi-urban centres in the State of Orissa for the above period. The banks have opened. branches at 146 centre-3 upto 30tlp- November, 1989. The banks are required to open, the remaining branches at 220 centres-. Besides, 20 urban/port town centres have been allotted to the banks and they have opened branches at 17 centres. No more identification of any additional centres is contemplated. As 5uch. there is no proposal fo allot further centres by Reserve Bank of India to banks during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Inadequate Staff Strength in Branches of, State Bank of India in Phulbani District of Orissa

' 369. SHRI JAGADISH JANI. Will the Minister of FINANCE.. be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the different branches of State Bank of India in Phulbani District of Orissa are inadequately staffed;

(b) if so; what are the reasons therefor;

- (c) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the customers on account of this; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to appoint more staff in different branches of State Bank of India in Phulbani District, Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) State Bank of India has reported that their bank's branches in Phulbani District of Orissa are adequately staffed to meet their present requirements. The Bank has also advised that although so far no adverse customer feed-back has received on account of alleged shortage of staff, the requirements of staff of branches of the bank are reviewed from time to time taking into account the buiness level and other relevant factors.

मध्य प्रदेश में बुनकरों द्वारा इस्तेमाल में लाये जाने वाले धागों की कीमतों में वृद्धि

370. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश में बुनकरों द्वारा इस्तेमाल में लाए जा रहे धागों की कीमतों में अप्रत्याशित वृद्धि के कारण उनकी आजीविका पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है क्योंकि उनके द्वारा तैयार किए गए वस्त्रों की बिक्री न हो पाने के कारण उन्हें अपना कार्य बंद करने के लिए मजबूर होना पड़ा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समस्या को हल करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं; और

(ग) क्या इस प्रकार की समस्या का सामना देश के दूसरे क्षेत्रों में भी किया जा रहा है और यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा इस मामले में क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्री और साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) गत वर्ष के दौरान पालियेस्टर स्टेपल फाइबर